IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims presented in the application.

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

- 14. (Currently amended) A method of achieving a contraceptive effect comprising administering an inhibitor directed against a plasma membrane calcium ATPase 4 (PMCA4) isoform that is expressed in a sperm cell, to thereby inhibit sperm mobility such that fertilization of an egg cannot take place.
- 15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the PMCA4 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of a 5- or 6-carboxyeosindiacetate succinimidyl ester, an eosin, a fluorescein, caloxin 2a1 and spermin.
- (Previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein administering the PMCA4 inhibitor is achieved orally, parenterally, or as a coated mechanical contraceptive.
- (Previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein administering the PMCA4 inhibitor is performed as a single contraceptive event or as a repeated contraceptive event.
- (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the PMCA4 inhibitor is administered to a mammal.
- (Previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the mammal is a human being.
- (Previously presented) A contraceptive composition comprising the PMCA4 inhibitor of claim 14 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- (Previously presented) The contraceptive composition according to claim 20, further comprising a conventional contraceptive.